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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: US/UK PLAN FOR ALL-PARTIES MEETING

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1. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE SIR SAM FALLE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO BRIEF THE FMG IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING THE US/UK CALL FOR A MEETING OF PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. HIS INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED IT WAS 'PREFERABLE' THAT HE MAKE THE DEMARCHE JOINTLY WITH ME. I TOLD HIM I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES BUT HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. I ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT.

2. FALLE WENT OFF IN SEARCH OF AKADIRI BY CAR SINCE HIS TELEPHONES WERE SIMILARLY OUT-OF-ORDER. I TOLD HIM I WOULD TRY TO JOIN HIM IF I RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, AND WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE TOGETHER.

3. FALLE FOUND AKADIRI AT HOME. HE GAVE HIM THE TEXT OF THE
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INVITATION TO THE MEETING AS IT APPEARS IN REFTEL. HE ALSO PRESENTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE ALONG LINES OF TEXT OF TALKING POINTS SENT HIM IN TELEGRAM 977 OF MARCH 9 FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. AKADIRI EXPRESSED NO SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS ON FALLE'S BRIEFING BUT ASKED PRECISELY WHO WOULD BE INVITED. FALLE LISTED NAMES INCLUDING SMITH AND CHIRAN. FALLE EXPLAINED MY ABSENCE. AKADIRI SAID HE WOULD HAVE ASSUMED

US COLABORATION AND AGREEMENT IN ANY CASE.

4. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER AND OBASANJO'S KNOWN PERSONAL INTEREST, FALLE AND I HAD AGREED BEFOREHADN THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH AKADIRI (IN GARBA'S ABSENCE) ON WHETHER WE SHOULD BRIEF YAR-ADUA AS WELL, THUS ASSURING THAT THE INFORMATION COULD BE TRANSMITTED ON TO OBASANJO. AKADIRI TOLD FALLE THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY SINCE HE WOULD HIMSELF COMMUNICATE WITH HIS HEAD OF STATE(WHO IS TRAVELLING IN OYO UNTIL SUNDAY AND THEN EXPECTED TO BE VISITING OGUN FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS).

5. DEPARTMENT'S FLASH 061892 JUST RECEIVED. THANKS
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